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SUBJECT: BRAZIL'S POSITION ON THE CUBA ISSUE IN THE OAS

REFS: BRASILIA 7153, 7154

1. MAILLIARD SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR VIDAL. HE TOLD HIM WE SECURED THE PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT OF THE CO-SPONSORS TO DELETE THE ADJECTIVE QTE PROFOUND UNQTE FROM WHEREAS PORTION OF RESOLUTION REFERRING TO QTE CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES UNQTE. HE ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT THE CO-SPONSORS APPEAR WILLING TO AT LEAST CLARIFY THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IN THE SECOND RESOLUTION IN WHICH THE COUNCIL, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, DESCRIBES ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERIM BEFORE QUITO.

2. INSTEAD OF THE CONFUSED AND WORRISOME QTE DEDICATE ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE PREPARATION OF THE PRELIMINARY WORK FOR THIS MEETING UNQTE IT MIGHT READ QTE TAKE CHARGE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THIS MEETING UNQTE. THIS BROADER WORDING COVERS MORE CLEARLY THE INNATE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNCIL TO RECEIVE OBSERVATIONS FROM
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THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE MFM.

WE ALSO RECEIVED FIRM ASSURANCES THAT NO TRICKERY WAS INTENDED IN SPLITTING OFF THIS ASPECT FROM THE MAIN RESOLUTION, AND ASCERTAINED THE SPLITTING OFF WAS BASED ON LEGALISTIC GROUNDS.

3. VIDAL TOLD MAILLIARD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED OVERNIGHT HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESENT THE AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND RESOLUTION AS SET FORTH IN PARA TWO OF BRASILIA 7154. MAILLIARD TOLD HIM WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN SUPPORTING THE BRAZILIAN AMENDMENT ALTHOUGH THE OUTLOOK FOR PASSAGE MIGHT BE DUBIOUS. IF THE BRAZILIAN AMENDMENT WERE ACCEPTED, THAT WOULD BE FINE. IF NOT, THE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE USED TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE RECORD THAT THE MANDATE OF THE COUNCIL (AS PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION) QTE TO TAKE CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS UNQTE INCLUDES RECEIVING AND REPORTING OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE MFM.

4. FYI: VIDAL TOLD US ON A VERY PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT HE ASSUMED SILVERIA'S NEED FOR THIS AMENDMENT STEMMED FROM HIS NEGOTIATIONS AT QTE HIGHER LEVELS UNQTE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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